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SUBJECT: SECOND DEMARCHE DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS IN  
THE ANDES

REF: STATE 098424

1. IN SECOND DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE DESIGNED TO EASE  
WAR FEARS AND TENSIONS IN THE ANDES, ACTING DEPUTY AS-  
SISTANT SECRETARY DEVINE ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING ARA/AND  
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OFFICE DIRECTOR BARNEBEY AND CHILE DESK OFFICER DRISCOLL  
MET ON MAY 5 WITH AMBASSADOR JORGE CAUAS OF CHILE.

2. POINTS MADE BY DEVINE CAN BE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED  
AS FOLLOWS:

A. ANDEAN WAR FEARS AND TENSIONS OF DECEMBER-

JANUARY HAD BEEN A SOURCE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO US.

B. OUR ANALYSIS THEN AND NOW INDICATED THAT MIS-CONCEPTIONS AND MISINTERPRETATIONS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THOSE TENSIONS.

C. SINCE THEN, WE SEE TENSIONS GREATLY RELIEVED AND PERIOD OF COMPARATIVE TRANQUILITY EXISTING AT PRESENT.

D. TO EXTENT THIS IS TRUE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT PRESENT PERIOD COULD BE UTILIZED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FORESTALL AND AVOID FUTURE RECURRENCE OF TENSIONS.

E. WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT PERUVIAN BUILD-UP OF ARMAMENTS FROM SOVIET AND OTHER SOURCES OCCASIONS SERIOUS CONCERN TO ANDEAN NEIGHBORS.

F. WE REGRET THAT HUMAN-RIGHTS RECORD OF CHILE HAS BEEN SUCH AS TO BRING INTERRUPTION OF TRADITIONAL ARMS SUPPLY, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT ARMS IMBALANCE ON WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA.

G. USG IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO CAUSE OF PEACE AND PRESERVATION OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS, WHICH OF COURSE INCLUDES IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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REGION OF THE ANDES.

H. WE HOPE AND TRUST THAT ANDEAN NATIONS WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO PRESERVE PEACE IN THE AREA. THIS INVOLVES, INTER ALIA, AVOIDING ACTIONS OF ALARMIST OR PROVOCATIVE CHARACTER, OR WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO DANGEROUS MISPERCEPTIONS AND MISINTERPRETATIONS.

I. IN THIS OVER-ALL SITUATION, USG WISHES TO MAKE KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO CAUSE OF PEACE AND INsofar AS POSSIBLE TO BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE FACTOR.

J. ANDEAN TENSIONS REFLECT LONG-STANDING FACTORS OF HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY WHICH CANNOT BE CHANGED OVERNIGHT, BUT AS COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SORT OUT THEIR POSITIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD, USG HOPES THAT ITS OWN DEEP COMMIT-

MENT TO PEACE THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS WILL  
BE BORNE IN MIND.

3. AMBASSADOR CAUAS LISTENED INTENTLY AND TOOK NOTES  
THROUGHOUT THIS PRESENTATION. UPON CONCLUSION THEREOF HE  
COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. HE GREATLY APPRECIATED OUR COMMENTS AND  
WOULD REPORT THEM TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

B. EXCHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS BETWEEN  
CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN  
DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO EASING OF CITED  
TENSIONS. HE HOPED THESE HAD BEEN SUCCESS-  
FUL. (WE AGREED THAT THEY HAD INDEED BEEN  
HELPFUL AND THAT NOW PLANNED TRIPARTITE UNITAS  
NAVAL EXERCISE INVOLVING US-CHILE-PERU MANEUVERS  
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SEEMED TO US ANOTHER HIGHLY SALUTARY MEASURE  
ALONG THESE SAME LINES.)

C. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT INTRODUCTION OF  
SOVIET ARMS ON LARGE SCALE INTO AREA IS A  
DESTABILIZING FACTOR.

D. ANOTHER DISQUIETING ELEMENT IS LACK OF PROGRESS  
TOWARD BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO PACIFIC (HERE WE  
DISCUSSED WITH HIM PRESENT STATE OF PLAY BUT  
DECLINED TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF ANY  
ROLE FOR US IN INTERPRETING PROVISIONS OF  
1929 TREATY).

E. AMBASSADOR CAUAS ASKED IF WE WERE HAVING  
SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF OTHER NATIONS IN THE AREA (WE INDICATED  
SOME WERE IN PROCESS).

F. REITERATING HIS APPRECIATION FOR CONTENT OF  
PRESENT CONVERSATION, CAUAS ASSURED US OF  
CHILE'S CORRESPONDING INTEREST IN PRESERVA-  
TION OF PEACE IN THE ANDES AND SAID THAT AS  
ANY THREATS TO THAT PEACE MIGHT ARISE -- OR  
BE PERCEIVED TO ARISE -- IN THE FUTURE, HE  
WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US SOONER  
RATHER THAN LATER. WE ALL AGREED THIS MIGHT  
BE HELPFUL.

4. FOR GOOD MEASURE WE REPEATED PRESENTATION  
IN ABBREVIATED FORM ON MAY 6 TO GENERAL ENRIQUE MOREL

WHO WE UNDERSTAND STILL TO BE VERY CLOSE TO PINOCHET.  
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